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July 15, 2003

**AMENDMENT TO ITEM #5**

Agenda Item 5 of the July 15th meeting instructs the Department of Health Services to establish a grading system for health facilities, similar to that which exists for restaurant inspections. This is a significant undertaking because it includes community clinics, nursing homes, and other health facilities. Given this, the legal and fiscal implications should be thoroughly evaluated before moving forward.

Health care facilities are far more complex organizations than restaurants, and thus, I have a number of concerns regarding this proposal. Among these are whether it is within the County's jurisdiction to inspect and grade these facilities, how this would be paid for, and what potential liability may exist for the County by assigning a grade to a health care institution.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors:**

1. Amend Item 5 and instruct the Director of Health Services, in consultation with County Counsel, to evaluate the fiscal and legal implications of this proposal, including such issues as jurisdiction, financing, and potential liability to the County and report back in 60 days; and
2. Delay any action regarding the establishment of a health facility grading system until this report has been provided to the Board.

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